

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (new): A device for connecting a support element to an add-on piece, said support element including an aperture, said device comprising:

a generally U-shaped plug-in element adapted to be inserted into said recess, said plug-in element having two parallel legs, a connecting region connecting said two parallel legs, and two laterally projecting bearing sections disposed away from and generally parallel to said connecting region, said connecting region having an abutment region;

an inner element disposed between said two legs, said inner element having two edge webs disposed substantially parallel to said two parallel legs, each said edge web having a counter lug disposed outwardly of and at an angle to said associated edge web and directed toward a bearing section, said inner element movable with respect to said plug-in element in a direction parallel to said parallel legs, said inner element having a face plate spaced from and parallel to said connecting region, said face plate having a threaded region therein; and

a fastener threadedly disposed in said threaded region, said fastener having an end adapted to contact said abutment region, whereby, when a said add-on piece and a said support piece are assembled and said fastener is threaded into said threaded region, said fastener end engages said abutment region and causes said inner element to move in a direction parallel to said parallel legs and away from said plug-in element until said counter lugs bear against the said support element, thereby securing said support element to said add-on piece.

Claim 8 (new): The device according to claim 7 wherein said inner element includes two inner tongues which extend toward said abutment region.

Claim 9 (new): The device of claim 7 wherein said plug-in element is formed from a strip of sheet metal.

Claim 10 (new): The device of claim 7 wherein said two edge webs each include an inner tongue, each said inner tongue disposed at an angle relative to said parallel legs, said lugs slanting toward each other.

Claim 11 (new): The device of claim 7 wherein said parallel legs each include a slot through which one said counter lugs extends.

Claim 12 (new): The device of claim 7 wherein said inner element is formed from a strip of sheet metal.